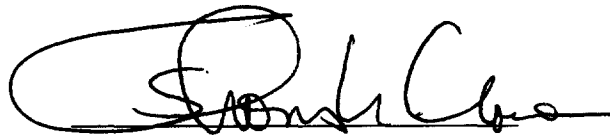


#### IV. CONCLUSION

As demonstrated above, the Commonwealth urges the Commission to adopt the Joint Board recommendations subject to the revisions and modifications discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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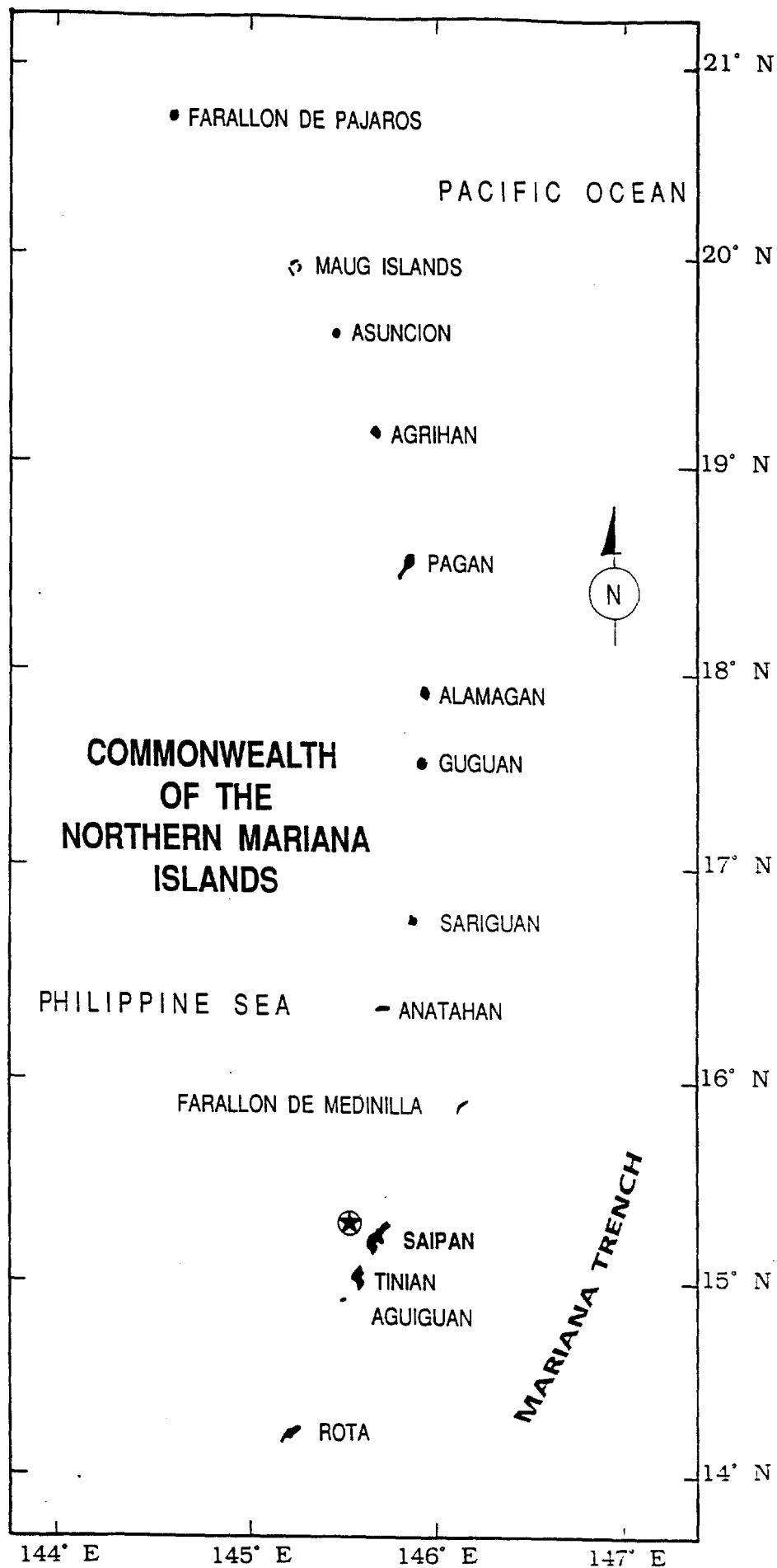
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## **Exhibit A**



## **Exhibit B**



# CATALOG

MTC is a full-service telecommunications company with a wide variety of services to meet your residential and business communications needs. For more information on residential and single-line business services, contact our Customer Service Centers on Saipan (234-7143), Rota (532-3599), and Tinian (433-0210). Multi-line business customers please call our Business Sales Office at 682-2877.

## **MTC LONG DISTANCE**

Choose MTC as your preferred long distance company and enjoy the value, commitment, and service you expect from the best, including: clear, reliable connections over fiber optic and digital technology; competitive rates; economical one-minute minimum direct-dial rates for voice and fax worldwide; free, convenient World Pass<sup>SM</sup> Calling Card; free International 800 service and paid access to U.S. 800 numbers; technical expertise backed by the strength of GTE; and operators located on Saipan. To sign up for MTC Long Distance, call 682-2877 or stop by the MTC Customer Service Center.

## **WORLD PASS<sup>SM</sup> CALLING CARDS**

You can use your World Pass<sup>SM</sup> Card to call interisland or long-distance from any phone in the CNMI (except those totally restricted for long distance) and charge it to your home or business phone number. There is no fee or surcharge for the card, and calls can be direct-dialed to take advantage of MTC's economical direct dial rates. Apply at the MTC Customer Service Center. See also page 10.

## **INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR DIRECT CONNECTION**

Operators at selected overseas locations can be called directly from the CNMI by dialing free MTC access numbers. Customers can speak to operators in their own language to place a calling card or collect call. Please see the back cover of this phone book for access numbers. For additional codes, consult your long distance carrier (00).

## **800 SERVICE**

MTC offers free International 800 service to CNMI customers in cooperation with other international carriers. Since there are thousands of U.S. 800 numbers, and only a few companies have included the CNMI in their toll-free calling area. MTC also offers paid direct dial access to U.S. 800 numbers that are accessible from the entire domestic U.S. These calls are charged at MTC's economical direct dial rates.

**Free International 800 Service:** Dial 1 + 800 + XXX-XXXX

**Paid Access to 800 Numbers:** Dial 011 + 1 + 880 + XXX-XXXX

## **LONG DISTANCE CALLING CENTERS**

Make overseas calls at economical direct dial rates at MTC Long Distance Calling Centers located conveniently throughout the CNMI. Some centers also offer facsimile service. Look for the "MTC" sign or call 682-2877 for the location nearest you.

## **Exhibit C**



**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
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**FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

**FROM : William S. Torres**  
**COE**

**TO : Dave Ecret**  
**SAC**

**SUBJECT : FCC Discount Matrix**

**FAX# : 664-2211**

**DATE : December 10, 1996**

**ADDRESS: Nauru Bldg.**

**SENDER : Tim**

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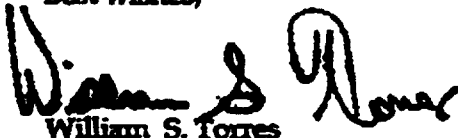
**MESSAGE:**

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your fax on the subsidies offered by the FCC. For FY 1996, we served over 1,485,000 nutritious school meals to the children enrolled in our CNMI schools. We serve over 6,500 school lunches every school day. School meal participation is slightly under 70% of the average daily attendance at our schools when data from all schools is combined. Many of our public elementary school regularly show school meal participation of over 90%. In general school meal participation is higher at our elementary schools than at our secondary schools. Also, school participation is much higher at our public schools than at private schools.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Best wishes,

  
 William S. Torres

## **Exhibit D**





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**MEMORANDUM**

December 11, 1996

**TO :** Mr. Tom Crowe, Attorney for CNMI Telecommunications

**FROM :** Commissioner of Education

**SUBJECT :** Student Ratios for FCC Universal Services

On Dec. 10, 1996, Dave Ecret, Special Assistant for Telecommunications and Utilities, faxed us a request to assist him in answering three questions resulting from his last meeting with the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Ecret asked us to provide this information to you to assist in a response to the F.C.C. regarding Universal Services Subsidies for Schools and Libraries.

The matrix proposed by the FCC does not adequately afford the CNMI the necessary discount to access critical services. Mr. Ecret has briefly explained an addition to the current matrix we feel more adequately identifies the needs of the CNMI Public School System.

The Food and Nutrition Services, Actual Meal Count Participation reports for the months of August, September, and October (1996) show a combined total of 148,483 free lunches and 133,986 paid lunches served to Public School System Students. Or, 53% of Public School System students receive free lunch under the National School Lunch Program.

The CNMI Public School System Facts and Figures, School Year: 1996-97, publication, states there are 2,699 students attending private schools in the CNMI and 8,464 students attending Public Schools for a ratio slightly more than 31%.

  
William S. Torres

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PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
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ACTUAL MEAL COUNT PARTICIPATION

MONTH OF : OCTOBER 1996

PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL	NO. DAY	BREAKFAST			LUNCH		
		PAID	FREE	TOTAL BF	PAID	FREE	TOTAL LNCH
CK DANDAN	18	0	494	494	0	494	494
CHALAN KANOA HEADSTART	18	0	800	800	0	1440	1440
GARAPAN ELEM. SCHOOL	13	171	1366	1537	4260	4228	8488
GARAPAN HEADSTART	18	0	451	451	0	765	765
GREGORIO T. CAMACHO ELEM	13	388	1000	1388	1770	1893	3663
HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL	22	3352	3778	7130	7749	5725	13474
KOBLERVILLE ELEM.	13	231	1837	2068	1524	2890	4414
KAGMAN HEADSTART	8	0	206	206	0	236	236
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL	22	312	305	617	2602	781	3383
MT. CARMEL ELEM. & HIGH	22	0	0	0	7417	0	7417
OLEA ELEM. SCHOOL	11	234	2114	2348	2335	3036	5371
OLEA HEADSTART	18	0	439	439	0	781	781
PAOPAO HEADSTART	18	0	410	410	0	410	410
SAN ANTONIO ELEM. SCHOOL	13	356	876	1232	1871	1848	3719
SAN ANTONIO HEADSTART	18	0	753	753	0	753	753
SAN ANTONIO PEER PROG.	18	0	272	272	0	272	272
SAN VICENTE DANDAN	18	0	1188	1188	0	1188	1188
SAN VICENTE ELEM.	22	632	3317	3949	7458	6505	13963
SAN VICENTE HEADSTART	18	0	360	360	0	720	720
SRL REMEDIO PRE-SCHOOL	22	351	92	443	347	93	440
SUSUPE HEADSTART	18	0	348	348	0	348	348
TANAPAG ELEM. SCHOOL	13	262	1148	1410	1246	2159	3405
TANAPAG HEADSTART	18	0	1080	1080	0	1080	1080
WILLIAM S. REYES	13	503	2445	2948	3336	4584	7920
TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL	22	292	339	631	1475	658	2133
TINIAN ELEM. SCHOOL	13	724	1238	1962	2312	1890	4202
TINIAN HEADSTART	17	0	555	555	0	555	555
TINIAN GRACE CHRIST. ACAD.	20	802	24	826	1525	24	1549
ROTA HEADSTART	18	0	524	524	0	524	524
ROTA HIGH	18	145	225	370	565		565
ROTA ELEMENTARY	9	263	569	832	1173	1459	2632
ROTA EARLY CHILDHOOD PROG.	18	169	0	169	209	0	209
SINAPALO HEADSTART	15	0	211	211	0	211	211
SINAPALO KINDER	6	20	64	84	50	87	137
ESKUELAN SAN FRANCISCO D.B.	22	1403	50	1453	2387	63	2450
TOTAL B/F & LUNCH		9187	28553	37740	49174	47339	96513

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ACTUAL MEAL COUNT PARTICIPATION

MONTH OF: *Sept. 196*

PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL	NO. DAY	BREAKFAST			LUNCH		
		PAID	FREE	TOTAL BF	PAID	FREE	TOTAL LNCH
C.K. DANDAN	15	0	372	372	0	398	398
CHALAN KANOA HEADSTART	14	0	585	585	0	982	982
GARAPAN ELEM. SCHOOL	17	395	1991	2386	6762	6161	12923
GARAPAN HEADSTART	14	0	290	290	0	570	570
GREGORIO T. CAMACHO ELEM	18	577	1637	2214	2614	2861	5475
HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL	18	2804	2910	5714	6337	4589	10926
KORLEWILLE ELEM.	18	415	2315	2730	2187	4058	6245
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL	18	232	140	372	2838	445	3283
MT. CAMEL ELEM. & HIGH	18	0	0	0	6135	0	6135
OLEA ELEM. SCHOOL	18	458	3504	3962	3700	5084	8784
OLEA HEADSTART	15	0	306	306	0	606	606
SAN ANTONIO ELEM. SCHOOL	18	378	1183	1561	2457	2157	4614
SAN ANTONIO HEADSTART	14	0	663	663	0	603	603
SAN ANTONIO PEER PROG.	15	0	216	216	0	216	216
SAN VICENTE DANDAN	14	0	870	870	0	870	870
SAN VICENTE ELEM.	18	567	2723	3290	6046	5489	11535
SAN VICENTE HEADSTART	14	0	259	259	0	459	459
SRL REMEDIO PRE-SCHOOL	18	276	75	351	275	73	348
SUSUPE HEADSTART	14	0	299	299	0	299	299
TANAPAG ELEM. SCHOOL	18	244	1623	1867	1225	3296	4521
PAOPAO HEADSTART	14	0	262	262	0	262	262
KAGMAN HEADSTART	14	0	284	284	0	394	394
TANAPAG HEADSTART	14	0	804	804	0	804	804
WILLIAM S. REYES	18	682	3605	4287	4623	7821	12444
TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL	18	218	284	502	1495	535	2030
TINIAN ELEM. SCHOOL	18	1178	1595	2773	3497	2577	6074
TINIAN HEADSTART	15	0	451	451	0	451	451
TINIAN GRACE CHRIST. ACAD.	18	746	18	764	1267	17	1304
ROTA HEADSTART	16	0	554	554	0	554	554
ROTA HIGH	20	139	268	407	863	890	1753
ROTA ELEMENTARY	20	544	1467	2011	2442	3496	5938
ROTA EARLY CHILDHOOD PROG.	16	167	0	167	188	0	188
SNAPALO ELEM. SCHOOL	16	61	192	253	110	235	345
ESKUELAN SAN FRANCISCO D.B.	19	1298	54	1352	2261	54	2315
TOTAL B/F & LUNCH		11379	31799	43178	57342	57306	114648

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ACTUAL MEAL COUNT PARTICIPATION

MONTH OF: AUGUST '1996

PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL	NO. DAY	BREAKFAST			LUNCH		
		PAID	FREE	TOTAL BF	PAID	FREE	TOTAL LNCH
C.K. DANDAN				0			0
CHALAN KANOA HEADSTART				0			0
GARAPAN ELEM. SCHOOL	20	697	2870	3567	8795	6944	15739
GARAPAN HEADSTART				0			0
GREGORIO T. CAMACHO ELEM	15	370	1329	1699	2358	2473	4831
HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL	22	3448	3573	7021	8407	4880	13287
KOBIERVILLE ELEM.	15	376	1917	2293	2160	3079	5239
MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL	22	623	282	905	3441	497	3938
MT. CARMEL ELEM. & HIGH	7	0	0	0	2200	0	2200
OLEA ELEM. SCHOOL	15	261	2883	3144	3124	4237	7361
OLEA HEADSTART				0			0
SAIPAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL				0			0
SAN ANTONIO ELEM. SCHOOL	15	370	946	1316	2402	1610	4012
SAN ANTONIO HEADSTART				0			0
SAN ANTONIO PEER PROG.				0			0
SAN VICENTE DANDAN				0			0
SAN VICENTE ELEM.	20	549	3014	3563	6675	5886	12561
SAN VICENTE HEADSTART				0			0
SR. REMONDO PRE-SCHOOL	8	113	36	149	103	42	145
SUSUPE HEADSTART				0			0
TANAPAG ELEM. SCHOOL	15	246	1305	1551	1446	3181	4627
TANAPAG HEADSTART				0			0
WILLIAM S. REYES	15	475	2966	3441	4462	5848	10310
TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL	15	70	82	152	368	108	476
TINIAN ELEM. SCHOOL	15	748	1389	2137	2741	1949	4690
TINIAN HEADSTART				0			0
TINIAN GRACE CHRIST. ACAD.	12	402	0	402	831	0	831
ROTA HEADSTART				0			0
ROTA HIGH	15	89	148	237	777	542	1319
ROTA ELEMENTARY	14	400	1197	1597	1827	2770	4597
ROTA EARLY CHILDHOOD PROG.				0			0
SINAPALO ELEM. SCHOOL	15	97	129	226	121	158	279
ESKUELAN SAN FRANCISCO D.B.	5	260	2	262	509	2	511
TOTAL B/F & LUNCH		9594	24068	33662	52747	44206	96953

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**Exhibit E**



# HOW TO DIAL INTERISLAND

## INTERISLAND DIALING INSTRUCTIONS for calls between Saipan, Tinian and Rota

### DIRECT-DIAL CALLS



**Example:** To call Rota from Saipan: 1 + 532-XXXX

### OPERATOR-ASSISTED CALLS



**Example:** To call Tinian from Saipan: 0 + 433-XXXX

After you have finished dialing, an operator will come on the line to get your billing information and assist in completing your call.

## INTERISLAND RATES

All interisland calls in the CNMI are handled by MTC. Dial "0" for information and assistance.

INTERISLAND RATES			
OPERATOR-ASSISTED 3 MINUTE RATE		CUSTOMER DIRECT-DIAL 1 MINUTE RATE	EACH ADDITIONAL MINUTE
STATION-TO-STATION	PERSON-TO-PERSON		
\$ .75	\$1.50	\$ .25	\$ .25

*Rates are subject to change.*

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I, Guled Hersi, serving as secretary to the Law Offices of Thomas K. Crowe, P.C., hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Comments of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was sent by first class United States mail, postage pre-paid, or by hand delivery where indicated by an asterisk (\*), this 19th day of December, 1996, to the following:

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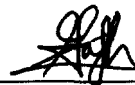
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